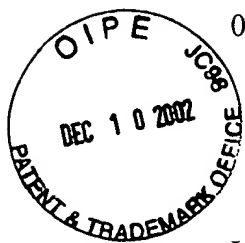


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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is enclosed.

The listed document was cited in a communication issued on October 31, 2002, in a counterpart Korean patent application. A copy of that communication is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner, that the next official communication indicate that such information has been

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No fee is believed to be due since no Office Action issued.

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